



# Wequaquet Lake

## BARNSTABLE

654 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

**Wequaquet Lake**  
**Barnstable**  
*Barnstable County*  
*Cape Cod Watershed*

Latitude: 41.6708320 N Longitude: 70.3420007 W



**654 Acres**  
**Depth:** 14 Feet Average  
32 Feet Maximum

**Primary Gamefish:**  
*Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike*

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### **General Information:**

Wequaquet Lake, also known as Chequaquet Lake, Great Pond or Nine Mile Pond, is a large 654-acre unstratified warmwater pond. The pond is an enlarged great pond with a dam at Phinneys Lane. The pond has multiple basins and an average depth of 14 feet and a maximum depth of 32 feet. Transparency is good, extending to 10 feet or more. The bottom is composed primarily of sand. Due to the open wind-swept nature of the pond, there is little cover and aquatic vegetation is scant. The 7.5 miles of shoreline is heavily (90%) developed with cottages and year-round homes.

### **Access:**

The lake is located in the Centerville section of Barnstable in a pocket formed by Routes 28, 132 and 6, and is situated less than a mile south of Route 6. Boat access is provided by a town-owned, paved ramp located off Shootflying Hill Road. There is also a town right of way off Huckins Neck Road. Shoreline fishing is limited to the areas around the boat launch and town right-of-way. Anglers can expect heavy recreational use of this lake during the summer, with boating and swimming being the most popular activities. Trailer parking at the ramp area is prohibited from Memorial Day to Labor Day although boats can be launched and roadside parking can be found.

### **Management History:**

Around the turn of the century the pond was stocked with black bass (probably smallmouth bass) by Mr. H. B. Handy. An August 1, 1911 pond survey noted that the pond was becoming an important summering resort and "the absence of aquatic plants along the shore was very striking, probably due to the rough waters which are able to accumulate on the wide expanse". Prior to 1948, the pond was with smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, brown bullhead, white perch, yellow perch and chain pickerel. A July 1948 survey found white suckers, chain pickerel, smallmouth bass, yellow perch, alewives, golden shiners, brown bullhead, and pumpkinseed sunfish. The pond was fyke netted to remove suckers, pumpkinseeds and eels in 1952. Northern pike were stocked in 1979, 1986 and 1989. Natural fish kills of white suckers occurred in July of 1995 and 2000 and of brown bullheads in July 1999.

### **Fish Populations:**

Wequaquet Lake was most recently completely surveyed in July 1984, and ten fish species were present: pumpkinseed, yellow perch, golden shiner, brown bullhead, American eel, alewife, white sucker, banded killifish, chain pickerel and largemouth bass. The bass population was surveyed in September 2005. The alewife population is sea-run, entering from Vineyard Sound by the Centerville River and Long Pond-Centerville and then reaching Wequaquet Lake via a man-made herring run.

### **Fishing:**

Wequaquet Lake is a popular largemouth bass fishing area and recent reports indicate that smallmouth bass are making a comeback in the pond. Good fishing has also been reported for chain pickerel in the more sheltered coves. Large northern pike are still reported regularly from the pond and an 18 pound northern pike was reported in February 2000. Reports of small northern pike in recent years indicate a spawning population has been established. Due to abundant forage species, game fish in the pond show good growth rates. Other nearby ponds include Hathaways Pond and Shallow Pond.

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